AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented):   A method of supplying a service or an application, comprising:

linking a service required by a customer or an application required by the customer to a QoS category selected by the customer; and

supplying the required service or the required application to the customer with the QoS category selected by the customer.

2. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application from a terminal of the customer;

transmitting a request to select one of at least two QoS categories to the customer;

receiving the selected QoS category from the terminal; and

supplying the requested service or the requested application with the selected QoS category.

3. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application from a terminal of the customer, the request comprises one of at least two QoS categories, pre-selected by the customer; and

supplying the requested service or the requested application with the selected QoS category.

4. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application from a terminal of the customer;

accessing a saved pre-selection of a QoS category by the customer,

linking the service required by the customer or the application required by the customer to the QoS category pre-selected by the customer; and

supplying the required service or the required application to the customer with the QoS category selected by the customer.

5. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

changing a supplied QoS category by the customer during the period of supply of a service or an application by transmitting a new QoS category.

6. (original): Mainframe for supplying services and/or applications for customers whose terminals are connected to the mainframe, said mainframe being capable, on request by a customer for a service or application, of supplying this service or the application with a QoS category corresponding to a QoS category selected by the customer and/or of changing the QoS category in a supplied service or a supplied application on receipt of a request from the customer to change the QoS category.

7. (original): Mainframe according to Claim 6, said mainframe having access to a memory in which at least one pre-selected QoS category is stored for at least some of the customers and the mainframe is capable, on request by a customer for a service or application, of

supplying this service or this application with a QoS category corresponding to the QoS category

stored for the customer.

8. (original): Mainframe according to Claim 6, said mainframe being structured as a

resources management unit, a head end or a base station.

9. (previously presented): A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium,

comprising:

a computer program code element which enables selection by a customer of at least one

QoS category for a service or an application when the computer program is run on a computer.

10. (previously presented): The computer program stored on a computer-readable

medium according to claim 9, enabling selection of parameters of at least one QoS category.

11. (currently amended): A terminal comprising:

~~a data carrier~~a computer-readable medium comprising a computer program, wherein the

computer program comprises a computer program code element which enables selection of at

least one QoS category when the computer program is run on a computer.

12. (previously presented): The terminal according to Claim 11, further comprising at

least one of a cable modem, a personal computer, a telephone, a television set, a radio station and

a mobile radio unit.

13. (previously presented): A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium, capable of linking a QoS category selected by a customer to a service required by the customer or an application required by the customer.

14. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising designating all services and applications <u>with</u> a QoS category personally selected by a customer.

15. (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, further comprising changing the QoS category online.

16. (currently amended): The computer program according to claim ~~1~~9, wherein the computer program code element enables selection of a QoS category for each service or application.